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From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Sat 10/8/2016 12:41:24 AM
Subject: Telvock inquiry

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Daniel Telvock <dtelvock@investigativepost.org>
Date: October 7, 2016 at 8:35:46 PM EDT
To: "Kluesner, Dave" <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: my contact

Fyi: I am getting married tomorrow and will be gone for a week. I'm hoping you guys can have folks ready to talk week of Oct 17. I return that Monday.

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On Oct 7, 2016, at 4:55 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

Dan,

Many apologies for the lengthy time for me to reply. Our fiscal year end had us quite busy, but that's not a good excuse I understand. I spoke with Elias about your questions and we are re-grouping early next week to identify how to best assist you. It may be that we need to bring in some additional EPA subject matter experts into this discussion. Let's try to arrange for a time next week that is convenient for you. I am not in the office on Monday, but available from Tuesday on.

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From: Daniel Telvock [<mailto:dtelvock@investigativepost.org>]

Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 3:11 PM

To: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>

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No response in 10 days.

Is one coming?

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On Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 4:53 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

Dan,

Acknowledging receipt. I will work with one of the press officers here, Elias Rodriguez, to respond to your request next week.

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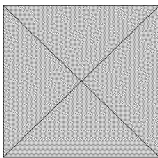
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From: Daniel Telvock [mailto:dtelvock@investigativepost.org]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
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Hi David

So, here is the basic scope of the info and why I need to interview someone with EPA. If it's Eric Daley, that's fine, but the EPA cannot prohibit him from answering certain questions like they did last time, or he wouldn't be the right expert for us. He could only talk about the bowling alley property. And this story goes way beyond a single property.

We have obtained two reports - one dated May 10, 1974, and the other dated June 8, 1979- from a private investigating firm called Probe International. It is my understanding that an **EPA staff attorney, Margo Ludmer**, has been calling the surviving members of this firm. I am not sure why, but I'd like to find out.

These reports discuss how slag from Union Carbide was widely used in Niagara Falls. This slag has radioactive elements of varying degrees. Union Carbide is the subject of an EPA inquiry into contamination at the Niagara Falls Boulevard bowling alley, the Holy Trinity Cemetery and a residence on Upper Mountain Road. Union Carbide has denied any responsibility.

Yet, as far as we can tell, there has not been any comprehensive survey of potential hotspots since 1986. In addition, I have obtained records about how a lot of this material was buried in Niagara Falls at what then was called 56th and Pine (screenshot attached). This land, as far as I can tell, is not listed as an inactive hazardous waste site.

Why hasn't the EPA taken action for 738 Upper Mountain Road yet? Why hasn't the EPA stepped in to do a more comprehensive review to determine location and

severity of additional hotspots?

I also need to understand what EPA's role is in this. Does the EPA only get involved if the state sends over properties for NPL consideration or removal consideration? Would EPA do additional surveys to determine the scope of the contaminated properties beyond what is in the 1986 ORNL report?

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Sep 15, 2016 at 5:51 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

Got it - thanks

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From: Daniel Telvock [<mailto:dtelvock@investigativepost.org>]

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